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SUBJECT: STOLAR FAMILY EXIT VISA CASE.

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FOR EUR/SOV; SCA/PPT, AND SCA/SCS

1. EMBASSY ISSUED PASSPORTS TO ABE STOLAR AND SON, MICHAEL, ON AUGUST 25 PER REFTEL B.

2. CONSOFF INFORMED MR. STOLAR THAT EMBASSY WOULD MAKE REPRESENTATION AT MFA ON HIS BEHALF, BUT ASKED THAT HE NOT PUBLICIZE THIS FACT. STOLAR AGREED, BUT STATED HE WOULD CONTINUE TO PUBLICIZE OTHER ASPECTS OF HIS CASE (FYI, HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY MARSH CLARK OF TIME MAGAZINE LAST WEEK). THROUGH HIS OWN EFFORTS STOLAR HASMANAGED TO REACH VLADIMIR SERGEYEVICH OBIDIN, HEAD OF ALL-UNION OVIR, AND REQUESTED LATTER'S INTERCESSION IN HIS CASE.

3. FYI: DURING RAMBLING CONVERSATION WITH CONSOFF, STOLAR NOTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT HIS FATHER HAD BEEN PROMINENT CP MEMBER IN US WHO BECAME

MANAGING EDITOR OF MOSCOW DAILY NEWS AFTER HIS ARRIVAL HERE, BUT WAS VICTIM OF PURGE DURING EARLY 1940'S, DIED WHILE UNDER ARREST, AND POSTHUMOUSLY REHABILITATED IN 1958. REGARDING HIS CURRENT PLANS, STOLAR STATED THAT AFTER AS YET UNDETERMINED PERIOD IN ISRAEL HE INTENDS RESETTLE FAMILY IN US.

4. CONSULAR CONSELOR PAID CALL ON MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS IVAN IL'ICH VASIL'YEV AND GERMAN BOSIKOV AUGUST 27 TO MAKE REPRESENTATION PER PARA ONE REFTEL A AND HANDED THE "NON-PAPER" ON SUBJECT (COPY BEING POUCHED).

5. RECEPTION WAS FRIENDLY AND BUSINESSLIKE, VASIL'YEV PREDICTABLY NOTING THAT SOVIET EXIT VISAS NOT WITHIN MFA'S JURISDICTION BUT THAT HE WOULD INFORM COMPETENT ORGAN. COMMENTING ON CONSOFF'S REQUEST FOR SYMPATHETIC REVIEW OF CASE, VASIL'YEV ASKED RHETORICALLY "WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH THE 'THOUSANDS OF JEWS' WHO WISH T RETURN T THE USSR FROM ISRAEL?" CONSOFF RESPONDED THAT HIS UNDERSTANDING ONLY SMALL PERCENTAGE SEEKING RETURN. HE ADDED THAT IT NORMAL FOR PERSONS WHO EMIGRATE FROM ANY COUNTRY TO HAVE PROBLEMS OF ADJUSTMENT TO NEW SURROUNDINGS AND FOR SOME OF THEM TO WISH TO RETURN TO COUNTRY OF BIRTH.

6. PER INSTRUCTIONS REF A, EMBASSY HAS NOT RPT NOT RESPONDED TO INQUIRIES BY LOCAL PRESS POOL RE EMBASSY EXIT VISA REPRESENTATIONS IN BEHALF STOLAR. IN LIGHT OF AUGUST 27 REPRESENTATION, HOWEVER, PLEASE ADVISE IF CORRESPONDENTS MAY BE INFORMED OF REPRESENTATION, DATE AND SOVIET RESPONSE.

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